



Town of Groton - Public Works

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Meeting Minutes

Permanent School Building Committee

Chairman Rick DeMatto, Vice-Chairman W. Gordon Lange, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Richard Monteiro, Robert Morrison, David Russell, and John Webster.

Thursday, July 17, 2008

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

Regular Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Rick DeMatto, Gordon Lange, Richard Monteiro, David Russell and John Webster

Members Absent: Robert J. Austin-LaFrance and Robert Morrison

Staff: Gary Schneider, Director of Public Works; Rick Norris, Project Manager-School Construction ; and Linda Martin, Recorder.

Groton Public Schools: Dr. Mitchell, Superintendent of Schools, Wes Greenleaf, Director of School Buildings & Grounds; and Bob Bacewicz, Fitch High School Principal.

Gilbane Building Company: Peter Manning, Project Executive.

JCJ Architecture: Scott Celella, Principal.

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

2. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) June 19, 2008

A motion was made by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Monteiro, to accept the meeting minutes of June 19, 2008 as written. The motion carried with one abstention by Mr. Webster.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS (other than Subcommittee reports)

(a) PSBC Members

(b) Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School and Northeast Academy Elementary School

Mr. Norris reported there are 2 contractors with claims against the Town. He is working with Wes Greenleaf to resolve punch list items. He asked whether there were any questions or comments on the list from the meeting earlier this evening. Mr. Lange asked if there were any items that required a decision tonight. There were none. Mr. Schneider noted that any Groton Public Schools priority items marked with an asterisk on the spreadsheet handed out can be resolved because the cost of these items is not significant.

At Northeast Academy there is a concern with glass found in the topsoil. A decision needs to be made whether to remove the topsoil or add 3 to 4 inches of clean top soil.

(c) Fitch High School Addition and Renovation Project

1. Department of Public Works staff

Mr. Norris stated the remaining contingency on the Fitch High School project is \$191,000. Asbestos continues to be a problem with emergent abatement being required as works progresses.

2. Gilbane Building Company

The CM report was distributed by Mr. Manning. He spoke of the demolition of the old sections of the school where the discovery of asbestos continues to be a problem. Construction of the principal's office is still under way.

3. JCJ Architecture

Mr. Celella stated all the information was covered in previous reports this evening.

4. Board of Education staff

Mr. Greenleaf also noted most items were covered with earlier discussions this evening. The greenhouse at the high school is still not operational. A decision need to be made on the chemistry labs - whether to use gas or electric.

5. RECEIPT OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**a) School Building Phase II Committee**

Mr. Lange noted the Phase II Committee is scheduled to meet again next week. To date, they have been looking at statistics to determine how many middle schools are needed and where they should be located.

b) School Opening Celebration

Chairman DeMatto reported the subcommittee finalized plans for the Fitch High School Opening Celebration scheduled for September 6. The invitations will mailed out by Public Works.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**7. NEW BUSINESS**

The next meeting of the PSBC will be August 7, 2008, 7:00 PM at Fitch High School, meeting in the main lobby.

8. OTHER BUSINESS**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.